



## STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

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**Region 9**

**Data for January 2007**  
(Preliminary)

Beginning with the January publication, this newsletter contains information on only the **Indiana Economic Growth Region 9** which includes Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties.

### \*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.



Due to this analyst's retirement, the new Regional Market Analyst for Region 9 will be Terry Brown who is located in the Administrative Office in Indianapolis. His address, telephone number and e-mail address appear at the end of this Labor Market Review.

The January 2007 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during January. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

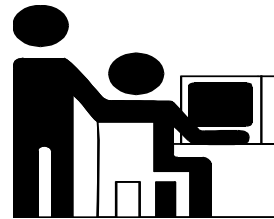
### Job Openings Economic Growth Region 9 January 2007

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
	Openings	Wage
Production Helpers	70	10.09
Production Laborers	70	10.09
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	62	11.25
Assemblers (Factory Work)	61	10.58
Home Health Aides	12	9.06
Personal and Home Care Aides	12	9.06
Personal Attendants, Private Household	10	9.08
Maintenance Repairers, General Utility	8	13.07
Personal Attendants	8	9.13
Power Generating Plant Operators	8	20.79
Powerhouse and Relay Electricians	6	22.79
Boilermakers	5	20.95
Boiler Operators, Low Pressure	5	20.95
Other Cleaning/Building Service Workers	5	12.27
Truck Drivers, Heavy	5	14.54

## ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm)

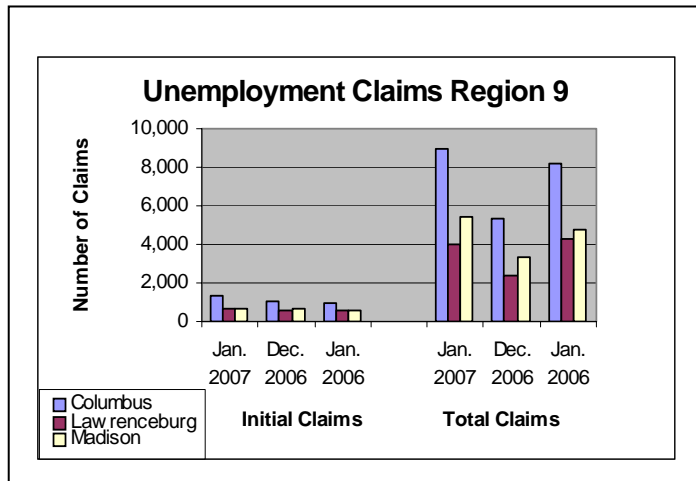


### LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

## MONTHLY COMPARISON OF CLAIMS

By local office



	Jan. 2007	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2006
<b>Initial Claims</b>			
Columbus	1,295	1,015	910
Lawrenceburg	628	550	590
Madison	714	676	570
<b>Total Claims</b>			
Columbus	8,983	5,295	8,147
Lawrenceburg	4,003	2,413	4,265
Madison	5,432	3,327	4,775

### LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	JAN. 2007	DEC. 2006	JAN. 2006
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench-marked
United States	151,924,000	144,275,000	7,649,000	5.0	4.3	5.1
Indiana	3,266,011	3,078,156	187,855	5.8	4.7	5.4
Columbus, IN MSA	38,689	36,800	1,889	4.9	3.6	4.8
Bartholomew County	38,689	36,800	1,889	4.9	3.6	4.8
Dearborn County	26,639	25,087	1,552	5.8	4.8	5.6
Decatur County	12,650	11,932	718	5.7	4.2	5.1
Franklin County	12,213	11,355	858	7.0	6.0	6.6
Jackson County	22,484	21,373	1,111	4.9	4.1	4.5
Jefferson County	17,576	16,573	1,003	5.7	4.4	5.1
Jennings County	13,757	12,782	975	7.1	5.3	6.7
Ohio County	3,191	3,005	186	5.8	5.0	5.9
Ripley County	14,132	13,279	853	6.0	4.6	5.5
Switzerland County	5,696	5,441	255	4.5	3.5	5.0

**Labor Force Data** The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The January 2007 data are preliminary data and the January 2006 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 9 has been included.

The national and statewide data given are not seasonally adjusted.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY

RANK – JAN. 2007	COUNTY	JAN. 2007 RATE
77	Bartholomew	4.9
52	Dearborn	5.8
54	Decatur	5.7
18	Franklin	7.0
79	Jackson	4.9
55	Jefferson	5.7
17	Jennings	7.1
53	Ohio	5.8
47	Ripley	6.0
88	Switzerland	4.5

Crawford County ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with a rate of 9.3 % and Hamilton County ranked 92<sup>nd</sup> with a rate of 3.6%.

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## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT IN AREA ESTABLISHMENTS

				CHANGE FROM	
	JAN. 2007	DEC. 2006	JAN. 2006	DEC. 2006	JAN. 2006
(preliminary data)					
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>-800</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Goods Producing</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-300</b>	<b>800</b>
Natural Resources / Construction	1.5	1.6	1.4	-100	100
Manufacturing	16.1	16.3	15.4	-200	700
Durable Goods	13.9	14.1	13.4	-200	500
<b>Service Providing</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>-1,100</b>	<b>-100</b>
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7.5	7.7	7.1	-200	400
Wholesale Trade	1.2	1.2	1.1	0	100
Retail Trade	4.9	5.1	4.6	-200	300
Trans., Warehousing, Util.	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0
Information Services	.4	.4	.5	0	-100
Financial Activities	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Professional & Business Services	3.8	3.8	3.9	0	-100
Educational & Health Services	3.6	3.7	3.6	-100	0
Leisure & Hospitality Services	2.7	2.8	2.9	-100	-200
Other Services	1.1	1.2	1.2	-100	-100
<b>Government</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>0</b>
Federal Government	.2	.2	.2	0	0
State Government	.5	.9	.5	-400	0
Local Government	4.8	5.0	4.8	-200	0
Local Government Education	1.8	1.9	1.8	-100	0

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